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AMENDMENT B AND REQUEST FOR TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

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[(12, 44)] in the area of the sharp tip (14) dimensioned for passage of a catheter,

B1 a body part (18) provided at the proximal end of the cannula tube (10), the body part (18) including an inlet opening (32, 34) axially aligned with the cannula tube (10) adapted for guiding the catheter for introduction into the proximal end of the cannula tube (10), and

a connector (22, 24, 26) electrically connected to the cannula tube (10) in the area of the cannula body part (18) for transmission of electro-stimulation,

wherein said cannula tube (10) has an electrically insulated outer covering extending from the body part (18) out to the sharp tip (14) and which leaves the sharp tip (14) exposed at least in its distal end area (16), and

wherein said electrical connector (24, 26) extends through the body part (18) to the outer surface of the cannula tube (10).

19. A continuously conductive unipolar cannula for anesthesia, comprising:

B2 an electrically conductive cannula tube (10) formed by a steel tube including a proximal end and a distal end, the distal end including a tip (14) and an exit opening [(12, 44)] in the area of the tip (14) dimensioned for passage of a catheter,

a body part (18) provided at the proximal end of the cannula tube (10), the body part (18) including an inlet opening (32, 34) axially aligned with the cannula tube (10)